SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 420

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Peggy Walker on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peggy Walker is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as a highly-respected and visible member of the educational community; she will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Austin Peay State University with a

Bachelor of Science degree in English and History, Mrs. Walker earned her Master of Education

degree at Trevecca University; she has also studied at Aquinas College, Peabody College,

Belmont University, Tennessee State University, and the University of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker has been a valuable member of the faculty and the administration of Holy Rosary Academy for twenty-nine years, the last eleven of which she has served as Principal of the school; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Holy Rosary Academy has developed its kindergarten program; added a foreign language program, advanced math classes, a full-time school counselor, a computer teacher, laptop computers in the library media center, and new playground equipment; and upgraded the computer lab; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce; the Nashville Aquatic Club Board of Directors; the Nashville Swim League; and the Ravenwood Club Swim Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker also contributes her time and numerous talents to the Schools Calendar Committee for the Diocese of Nashville, for which she serves as Chair, and the

Diocesan Athletic Council, for which she has been the Principals' Representative for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Walker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Walker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, her teachers and her students and their parents alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Peggy Walker our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we pay tribute to her exemplary tenure at Holy Rosary Academy and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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